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In re patent application of

Diane VAN ALSTYNE, et al.

Serial No. UNKNOWN

Group Art Unit: UNKNOWN

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For:

PEPTIDES REPRESENTING EPITOPIC SITES FOR BACTERIAL AND VIRAL MENINGITIS CAUSING AGENTS AND THEIR CNS CARRIER, ANTIBODIES

THERETO, AND USES THEREOF

### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION: Please delete the title and replace with the following title:

METHODS TO CLEAR MENINGITIS CAUSING AGENTS USING ANTIBODIES TO

PEPTIDES REPRESENTING EPITOPIC SITES FOR BACTERIAL AND VIRAL

MENINGITIS CAUSING AGENTS

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line 1, change "continuing" to 1-continuing application of Serial No.

08/486,050, filed June 7, 1995, which was a continuation-in-part--;

line 2, changé "1994" to --1993--.

Page 25, line 27, after "sequence" insert --(SEQ ID NO:1)--.

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Dian VAN ALSTYNE, et al.

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 1, 1998, Applicants respectfully request the amendment of the application as follows:

# IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the following claims:

Claim 23, line 2, delete "QQQPKA" and insert --QQQPPKA--.

Claim 25, line 2, delete "QQQPKA" and insert --QQQPPKA--.

Respectfully submitted,

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